

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Justification and Approval

For

Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 23, VA BHHCS Fort Meade VA Medical Center, Facilities Management Service. Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition. 2237: 568-13-1-9006-0024.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** New firm-fixed-price maintenance service contract to replace expired option year contract.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** Full service maintenance contract for Simplex Grinnell Station Wide Fire Alarm System. Base year contract plus 4 option years. Base year estimated contract price \$24,644.00.
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**
 - (x) (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;
 - () (2) Unusual and Compelling Urgency per FAR 6.302-2;
 - () (3) Industrial Mobilization, Engineering, Developmental or Research Capability or Expert Services per FAR 6.302-3;
 - () (4) International Agreement per FAR 6.302-4
 - () (5) Authorized or Required by Statute FAR 6.302-5;
 - () (6) National Security per FAR 6.302-6;
 - () (7) Public Interest per FAR 6.302-7;
5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):** The campus wide Fire Alarm System was manufactured Simplex Grinnell. The programming and maintenance of the system is essential for maintaining Life Safety for patients, visitors, and staff in the facility. Programming the system is essential for troubleshooting. Simplex Grinnell is the sole proprietor of the system. Simplex Grinnell is has proprietary software rights that makes it technically not feasible not feasible for other vendors to perform this service. In addition, only simplex parts can be used in order to maintain the UL listing for the system and these parts are only available through simplex Grinnell.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:**

7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** The pricing is in alignment with other campus wide utility full service maintenance contracts and the pricing is also in alignment with previous fire alarm full service maintenance contracts.

8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** The internet and local vendors were contacted and no other vendors can provide factory trained technicians and the full scope of services required to maintain, test, and repair the system per government requirements.

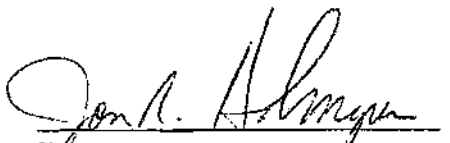
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** NA

10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:**

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11. **A Statement of the Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making subsequent acquisitions for the supplies or services required:** When this system was initially installed it was bid competitively. When the current fire alarm system reaches it's end of life expectancy, the replacement system will be competitively bid once again.


12. **Requirements Certification:** I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Name
Title: Engineering Program Manager
Facility: VA BHHCS Fort Meade

11/28/12
Date

13. **Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304**

a. **Contracting Officer's Certification (required):** I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Name
Title: Contract mgr
Facility: VA Black Hills NCO 23

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Date